

# Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources

## Spending Targets:

**FY 2015-16: \$371,318,916**

**FY 2016-17: \$372,949,662**

## **Guidance for All Subject Area Committees:**

### Committee Report and Special Provisions

- Evaluate budget programmatically, eliminating programs that aren't needed and providing adequate funding to those that still serve vital functions.
- Recurring money expansion items (funded outside of the Committee spending target) must be funded with recurring reductions.
- Address budget needs for both years of the biennium, minimizing the need for a revised budget in the short session.
- No spending reversions or "shall not revert" language in special provisions or money items.
- Vacant positions are being handled by the Full Chairs. Subcommittees **should not eliminate the funding for vacant positions.**
- If eliminating filled positions, list each position number.
- Consult other subject area committees as necessary.
- Refer certain items to the Full Chairs:
  - Salary-related items, debt service, or other statewide issues
  - Fee increases/decreases
- Worker's Compensation line items should be increased/decreased to reflect an average of FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 actuals.
  - Subcommittees must achieve this within their target amounts and should not decrease other accounts that would simply shift a structural budget problem in worker's compensation to another line item.
- All programs receiving funding via a transfer from the Highway Fund will be subject to Continuation Review. Additional information will be provided regarding this process.

### Reporting

- Note unresolved or pending items.
- List funding priorities not included in package.

## **Specific Committee Guidance:**

- Transfer of DENR parks and other attractions
- JMAC is to be fully funded within the Committee spending target.
- JDIG and One NC are the purview of the full Chairs.
- Discontinue Highway Fund transfer funding of out-of-state tourism advertising.